

CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 11 and 12 and cancel claims 1-10, as follows.

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A flapper valve ~~for a fuel tank~~ system comprising:
a flapper valve disposed in a cross-feed line, the flapper valve comprising a
polymeric annulus having a width in an axial direction greater than a thickness in a radial
direction; and a generally planar valve element including an upper portion fixed to the
annulus and a lower portion configured to pivot with respect to the annulus, thereby
providing a fluid passageway between the annulus and the valve element; and
an annular clamp extending around an outer surface of the cross-feed line and
circumferentially clamping the cross-feed line such that the flapper valve is frictionally
held in place in the cross-feed line.

12. (Currently Amended) The valve of Claim 11, wherein the upper and lower
portions compose valve element ~~comprises~~ a substantially planar and circular polymeric
sheet ~~having an upper portion, a lower portion,~~ and a polymeric hinge portion is formed
integral with and ~~coupling~~ couples the upper and lower portions.

13. (Original) The valve of Claim 12, wherein the valve element further
includes at least one planar stiffener sheet fixed to the lower portion of the circular
polymeric sheet.

14. (Original) The valve of Claim 13, wherein the stiffener sheet is substantially coplanar with the lower portion and is fixed to one side of the lower portion.

15. (Original) The valve of Claim 14, wherein an upper portion of the annulus has a radial thickness greater than a lower portion of the annulus, wherein the greater thickness is sufficient to anchor the upper portion of the circular polymeric sheet to the annulus.

16. (Original) The valve of Claim 15, wherein the upper portion of the circular polymeric sheet is coupled to the upper portion of the annulus by at least one fastener.

17. (Original) The valve of Claim 16, further comprising a second stiffener sheet fixed to the lower portion of the polymeric sheet on an opposing side from the stiffener sheet.

18. (Original) The valve of Claim 17, wherein an outer edge of the second stiffener sheet overlaps the inner diameter of the annulus on one end thereof to thereby compress an outer circumferential edge of the polymeric sheet against the one end of the annulus.